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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
8 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

9 (Honorable Nita L. Stormes)

10	_____)	Criminal Case No. 08CR0650JM
11	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	Magistrate Case No.: 08MG0569
12	Plaintiff,)	
13	v.)	Order For The Videotape Depositions
14	MATTHEW CHARLES KENNEDY,)	Of The Material Witnesses
15	et. al.)	
16	Defendants.)	

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18 Pursuant to the motion of material witnesses Simon Felix-Compana, Demitro Santiago-
19 Santiago and Pedro Santos-Peralta [the "Material Witnesses"], by and through their attorney,
20 Linda A. King, by appearance of the parties and their respective counsel, and good cause
21 appearing:
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23 **Order**

24 1. Unless the Material Witnesses are previously released from custody of both the
25 U.S. Marshal and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Material Witnesses
26 shall be deposed on _____ at _____ a.m./p.m. The
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1 depositions will be held at the U.S. Attorney's office in San Diego, California. An employee of
2 the U.S. Attorney's office shall serve as the videotape operator.

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4 2. All parties shall attend the depositions. The arresting agency shall bring the
5 Material Witnesses to the depositions and remain present during the proceeding. If the
6 defendants are in custody, they shall be brought separately to the deposition.

7 3. The United States Attorney's Office shall arrange for a court-certified interpreter
8 to be present for the Material Witnesses, if necessary. The cost of the interpreter for the Material
9 Witnesses will be borne by the United States. See 28 U.S.C. § 1827(c)(2).

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11 4. If a defendant needs an interpreter independent of the Material Witnesses'
12 interpreter (if any), defense counsel will arrange for a court-certified interpreter to be present.
13 The cost of a separate interpreter shall be paid by the court.

14 5. The U.S. Attorney's Office shall arrange for a certified court reporter to be
15 present. The court reporter shall stenographically record the testimony and serve as a notary and
16 preside at the depositions in accordance with Rule 28(a), Fed. R. Civ. P. The cost of the court
17 reporter shall be borne by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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19 6. The depositions shall be videotape recorded. Prior to the conclusion of each
20 deposition, the deponent, or a party, may elect to have the deponent review the videotape record
21 of his deposition and to note any changes. Any errors or changes, and the reasons for making
22 them, shall be stated in writing and such writing shall be signed by the deponent.

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24 7. The videotape operator shall select and supply all equipment required to videotape
25 and audiotape the depositions and shall determine all matters of staging and technique, such as
26 number and placement of cameras and microphones, lighting, camera angle, and background.
27 He/she shall determine these matters in a manner that accurately reproduces the appearance of
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1 the witnesses and assures clear reproduction of each witness' testimony and the statements of
2 counsel. The witness, or any party to the action, may place upon the record any objection to the
3 videotape operator's handling of any of these matters. Such objection shall be considered by the
4 Court in ruling on the admissibility of the video and/or audiotape record. All such objections
5 shall be deemed waived unless made promptly after the objector knows, or has reasonable
6 grounds to know, of the basis of such objection.
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8 8. The Material Witnesses shall be deposed in an order as determined the Assistant
9 United States Attorney conducting the depositions for the prosecution. The depositions shall be
10 recorded in a fair, impartial, objective manner. The videotape equipment shall be focused on the
11 witness; however, the videotape operator may from time to time focus upon charts, photographs,
12 exhibits or like material being shown to the witness during the deposition.
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14 9. Before examination of the witness, the notary shall state on the video/audio
15 record: (a) his/her name and address; (b) the date, time and place of the deposition; (c) the name
16 of the witness and the caption of the action; and (d) the identity of the parties and the names of
17 all persons present in the room. The notary shall then swear the witness on the video record.
18 Further, at the beginning of the examination by each counsel, the counsel shall identify
19 himself/herself and his/her respective client on the record. If more than one videotape is used,
20 the notary shall repeat items (a), (b) and (c) at the beginning of each new tape.
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22 10. The videotape operator shall not stop the video recorder after the deposition
23 commences until it concludes, except, however, that any party may request a cessation for a brief
24 recess, which request will be honored unless another party objects and states the basis for said
25 objection on the record. Each time the tape is stopped or started, the videotape operator shall
26 announce the time on the record. If the deposition requires the use of more than one tape, the end
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1 of each tape and the beginning of the next shall be announced orally on the video record by the
2 operator.
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4 11. Testimonial evidence objected to shall be recorded as if the objection had been
5 overruled and the court shall rule on the objections prior to admitting that portion of the
6 deposition. The party raising the objection(s) shall be responsible for preparing a transcript for
7 the court to consider. All objections to the evidence presented shall be deemed waived unless
8 made during the deposition.
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10 12. If requested by a party, the deposition testimony, if offered other than for
11 impeachment, may be presented in non-stenographic audio/visual format, in which case no
12 transcript need be prepared in advance of trial, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. See Fed.
13 R. Civ. P. 32(c).

14 13. Copies of all exhibits utilized during the videotaped deposition shall be marked
15 for identification during the deposition and filed along with the videotape.
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17 14. At the conclusion of each deposition, the Government and defendants will advise
18 the material witness' attorney if they intend to object to the release of the material witness. If the
19 parties do not object to the witness' release, the Government and defense attorney will
20 immediately approve an order for the material witness' release from custody. The Government
21 will provide the witness with a subpoena for the trial date, a travel advance fund letter, and
22 written authorization to enter the United States to testify at trial.
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24 15. If either party objects to the release of the material witness, the objecting party
25 must immediately request in writing a hearing on the issue before the District Court within four
26 business hours after the deposition is concluded. At the hearing, the objecting party must be
27 prepared to show why the release of the material witness is not appropriate under 18 U.S.C. §
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1 3144. If, after the hearing, the Court decides to release the material witness, the material witness
2 attorney should file the witness release order immediately. Again, the Government must serve
3 the witness with a trial subpoena, a travel fund advance letter, and written authorization to legally
4 enter the United States to testify at trial before the material witness is released.
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6 16. Upon request by either party, the videotape operator shall provide a copy of the
7 videotape deposition to the requesting party at the requesting party's expense. After preparing the
8 requested copies, if any, the videotape operator shall turn the original videotape over to the
9 notary along with a certificate signed by the videotape operator attesting that the videotape is an
10 accurate and complete record of the deposition.
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12 17. The notary shall file this original tape, along with the any exhibits offered during
13 the deposition, with the Court in a sealed envelope marked with the caption of the case, the name
14 of the witness and the date of the deposition. To that envelope, the notary shall attach the sworn
15 statement that the videotape is accurate and complete record of the recorded deposition and
16 certification that the witness was duly sworn by the officer.
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18 18. To the extent that the procedures set forth herein for the videotaping vary from
19 those set forth in Rules 28 and 30 F.R.Civ.P., these variations are found to be for good cause
20 shown as allowed by F.R.Civ.P. 29.

21 19. Unless waived by the parties, the notary must give prompt notice to all parties of
22 the filing of the videotape record of the deposition with the Court pursuant to Fed.R.Civ.P.
23 30(f)(3).
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25 **It Is So Ordered.**

26 **Dated:** _____

27 **United States Magistrate Judge**
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